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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant's submit the enclosed references for the Examiner's consideration.

It is respectfully requested that the references submitted with Form PTO-1449 be considered during Examination of the above-identified application and made of record therein. A copy of the references are enclosed. This submission is believed to be in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and 1.98.

The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of prior art or that they constitute prior art. The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of these particular items, they will assist the Examiner in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

The filing of this information disclosure statement is not an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

() This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application.

() This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application.

(x) To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action in connection with this case.

() Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e)(i).

() Enclosed herewith is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (d).

Enclosed by check is the petition fee of \$130.00. 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (i)(1).

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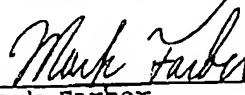
As set forth in 37 C.P.R. §1.97 (c), to the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before either the mailing of a final action under §1.113 or the mailing of a notice of allowance under §1.113, and is accompanied by the \$200.00 fee as provided for in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

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Respectfully submitted,

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